

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3 have been amended to delete the reference numerals and the multiple dependency.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the amended Abstract submitted herewith and the claims as amended.

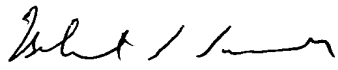
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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